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3C0, ANNOBON/PAGALU ISLANDS. Several sources report that a multi-national team of 4-6 operators plan to activate this one sometime during the **first week of March**. Operations will be on CW, SSB and RTTY. Activity will be on all bands, with an emphasis on 40, 80 and 160 meters.

5N, NIGERIA. Bogdan, **5N3CPR** (ex 5N3/SP5XAR), has been active on several bands, especially on 17 and 30 meters. Check 10109 kHz between 0030 and 0130z and 18081 kHz around 1715z. Also, check 7002 around 0515z. QSL via SP5CPR. He prefers bureau QSLing.

8Q7AA DXPEDITION WRAPUP. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin containing the press release by Warren, K7WX, titled "8Q7AA - Final Comments/Stats". Meanwhile, the Central Arizona DX Association 8Q7AA group is now back home after logging more than 17000 QSOs (8355 CW, 8450 SSB and 200 RTTY). The group is pleased to report that their main goal, to make meaningful presence on the low bands, was reach by logging 6755 QSOs on 160, 80 and 40 meters. They also report that some stations, such as W1NG, worked them on 10 bands and modes! The only disaster was one of the FT-1000MP suffered a cracked PC board during transit which cause them to have only three functional stations during five of the nine days of operations. Unbelievably, KP4RF was able to meticulously jumper all the broken PC board traces to restore an otherwise DOA radio to perfect working order! They will begin mailing QSLs in several weeks. Direct requests can be made to: Steve Thompson, N7TX, 119 E. Jasmine St., Mesa, AZ 85201-1811 USA. For further details, and some pictures, the following web site will be available soon: <http://cadxa.org/8q7aa>

C6, BAHAMAS. Look for Ray, AA6EW to be active as **AA6EW/C6A** from **Great Abaco (IOTA NA-80)** from **March 1-14th**. Activity will included the **ARRL DX Phone Contest**. Look for him on 80/75 meters on CW/SSB between 1130 and 1230z. QSL homecall.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Franco, I4LCK, reports to OPDX that he will arrive in Maputo on

February 7th (last Saturday). The following day or Monday the 9th, he plans a 1 or 2 days operation from **Inhaca** (IOTA **AF-066**). From Inhaca, Franco will move on to Beira. There he will look for a boat to travel to, and activate **Chiloane Island** (A new IOTA, AF-???) located in the Sofala Group. Operation may take place on **February 14, 15 or 16th** (He states, "Nothing is definitely confirmed because in that area the navigation is strongly influenced by the weather, in particular by the tides!). Franco mentions that he has NO idea if the stay or activity on the small island will last a few/several hours or days. For up-to-date info, listen to 14260 and 21260 kHz. His callsign will be **C91LCK/C93**. QSL via I4LCK.

FO0, FRENCH POLYNESIA. FO0BUS will be active starting **February 9th through at least the 14th** from a few different island groups. Activity will be mostly CW on 40, 20 and 15 meters, from **Tahiti, Moorea, Rangitoo, Huahine, and Bora-Bora**. If time permits, the Tuamotu group may be activated also. QSL via W6MD.

FT5W, CROZET ISLANDS. Jean Paul, F5BU, is now active as **FT5WG** and was announced earlier that he would be there **until March 18th**. Activity will be mainly SSB. Look for him on 20 meters (around 14183 or 14278 kHz) between 1330 and 1730z. QSL to F6APU, Andre Jungbluth, 4 rue des Tulipes, 67380 Lingolsheim, France.

JT, MONGOLIA. A group of Hungarians, members of the Hungarian Pannon DX Club, will operate from **Ulan Bator**, Mongolia in **May**. The team includes HA0HW, HA4GDO, HA6NL, HA7SK and HA7VK. It is planned to keep 2-3 stations simultaneously on the air 24 hours a day to maximize band openings. All HF bands will be activated on SSB, CW, RTTY and Satellites. The callsign and QSL Manager will be announced at a later date. The DXpedition is supported by the Hungarian Ambassador in Mongolia, the Hungarian Radioamateur Society and the "Radiotechnika" magazine. The DXpedition team includes experienced DX operators. The members of the expedition have already operated from Cambodia (XU0HW, XU95HA, XU7VK), Iraq (YI9SK, YI9VK) Liechtenstein (HB0/HA0HW/p, HB0/HA4GDO/p, HB0/HA6NL/p etc), ITU Geneva (4U0ITU) and numerous Greek islands including SV5, SV8, SV9. The updates are available at the Web page of the Pannon DXC at: <http://www.dunanet.hu/pannondxc/> The DXpeditioners would gratefully accept contributions from both individuals and clubs or firms. Contributors should contact Laci, HA0HW, at the following E-mail address: ha0khw@c3.hu

LU1ZC UPDATE. The latest QSO count of the LU1ZC station celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Argentine Antarctic base named Destacamento Naval Decepcion (located in the South Shetland Group) is 24900. Operators Hector and Ernie will be staying a little longer than expected. Their activity will continue now **until March 15th**. Their extended time is due to a delay in the Argentine ice breaker "Almirante Irizar". Please send your QSLs to the GACW with a SAE and 2/3 IRCs (DO NOT send money). GACW - Box 9, 1875 - Wilde, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

PJ9, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Look for Jack, W1WEF, and John, W1BIH, to be active as **PJ9C** during the **ARRL CW Contest** as a Multi/Single. Outside the contest, John will sign **PJ9JT** and Jack as **PJ9/W1WEF**. They look forward to working everyone on six bands in the contest. QSL PJ9C and PJ9/W1WEF via K1CPJ. QSL PJ9JT via W1AX.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- A new QSL Manager for **OL1A, OL2M, OL5Y** and **OK5TOP** has been announced. Please send your QSL card to new QSL manager **OK1MG** - via bureau or direct: Antonin Kriz, OK1MG, Polska 2205, 27201 Kladno 2, Czech Republic.
- A new QSL manager for **IH9/OL5Y** (Contest station) is reportedly to now be: Bohuslav Petr, **OK1VK**, Novodvorska 416, 142 00 Praha 4, Czech Republic
- Valery, **ER1DA**, is reportedly the Chief of ARM QSL-Bureau in Moldova for several ER stations. He currently has the logs for: **UO5ODA, ER1A, ER27A, ER3R/p, ER50R/p, ER7A, ER8C** and **ER9V**. He is **not** the QSL Manager for ER1CW, but will try to help in receiving a card. Even though he is the QSL Manager for all the above stations, he will help in retrieving other ER stations. Send your QSLs to ARM QSL-Bureau at the following address: P.O.Box 9537, KISHINEV, MD-2071, MOLDOVA
- **VR97BG QSLs**. A report received recently states Brett, VR98BG, indicated that he is currently behind on his QSLing. He states, "I will get the VR97 cards out once I'm caught up on the VS6BG, VS96BG & VS97BG QSLs. Please QRX, OM..."

S2, BANGLADESH. Ray, G3WZ, currently here as **S21YR**, will be active **until February 20th**. Listen for him on 14028 kHz CW around 1315z. QSL via homecall: Ray Baldwin, 11 Meadow Court, Whiteparish, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 2SE, United Kingdom.

TI, COSTA RICA. Tom, K6CT, will be active during the **ARRL CW DX Contest** using the callsign **TI5N**. Operations will be from the station of Carlos, TI5KD. QSL cards to TI5KD.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. "The 59(9) DXReport" states Tim, N2PC, active as **V73AT**, will be active on 160 meters soon from the club station. Meanwhile, OPDX has found that Tim can sometimes be heard on 15 meters (around 21285 kHz) between 2030 and 2200z. QSL via K2CL. Also, look for **V73GT** who has been active on 160 meters (1826 kHz) between 1230 and 1300z.

XE, MEXICO. Doug/N6RT, Daniel/AA6DP and Richard/N6PE will be active from **XE2EBE** for the **ARRL CW** and **SSB Contests**. QSL via AA6DP. Also, look for Earl/N5TU, Charles/N5RP, Charles/KZ5MM, Madison/W5MJ and XE2KB of the Texas DX Society to be active as **XA5T** in the **ARRL DX CW Contest**.

YK, SYRIA. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Omar, **YK1AO**, hopes to be active on **160 meters** soon with 1500 watts and a Gladiator TL160M top loaded vertical with elevated radials (supplied by W4DR) four stories high. Meanwhile, W4DR is seeking donations towards the antenna (the cost was 500 green stamps).

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLAND. The "Island/DX News" reports that OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will be active from **Aitutaki, February 24th through March 4th**. They plan to concentrate on the lower bands. QSL via OKDX Foundation.

ZK2, NIUE. Albert, HB9BCK, will be here from **April 2-16th** as **ZK2CK**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 5 kHz from beginning of band edge.
- **SSB** - 3785, 7085, 14185 and 211285 kHz
- **RTTY** - is probable

QSL via HB9BCK. If sending direct: one green stamp for Europe and two green stamps outside of Europe.

ZX0/ZZ0, FRANCES ISLAND (Brazil). Activity from here will be from **February 16-24th**. The island has the following designations: IOTA **SA-067**, DIB-068 and DFB ES-07. Operations will be near the city of **Itapemirim**, which is the southern part of Espirito Santo state. Operations will be on CW/SSB on all bands, including the WARC bands, depending on propagation. Look for the following special call signs and operators: **ZX0Z** (Vieira/PY1LVF), **ZZ0W** (Pete/PY1NEW), **ZZ0Z** (Lima/PY1NEZ) and possibly other PP1 operators. QSL via home calls or PY1-QSL Bureau. Suggested frequencies:

- **CW** - 1835, 3530, 7030, 10115, 14040, 18098, 21040, 24920 and 28040 kHz.
- **SSB** - 1850, 3755, 7055, 14190, 14222, 14260, 18128, 21260, 24950, 28360, 28460, 28560 and 29000 kHz.

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

OPDX SPANISH WEB SITE. (provide by "QTC Magazine" and Tony Pernas, EA1CSI):

<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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